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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Moderate to heavy rains occurred over the eastern third of the State, but there was very little over the central and western portions. Temperatures were generally below normal, with a hard freeze over the Panhandle Monday morning, and freezing temperatures over the central portion of the State. The eastern third has had no freezing temperatures so far.

CROPS Rain of the past week helped winter wheat in the eastern third of the State. Unfortunately, rain was lighter in the southern or wheat portion of this area. The moisture enabled a few farmers in northeastern Nebraska to finish seeding which had been delayed because of the dry surface soil. The rain was especially helpful to rye in the leading rye area in northeastern and north central Nebraska.

Wheat needs rain badly in the western two-thirds of the State as the surface soil is dry. Some late planted wheat has come up unevenly. Some farmers in western Nebraska who delayed seeding for the Hessian fly-free date are complaining the high winds have damaged their newly seeded wheat. A heavy, general rain is needed throughout the wheat belt. The rain of the past week was only moderate in southeastern Nebraska and insufficient.

A little corn picking is in progress throughout the State, but some are still waiting for it to dry out. Rains of the past week delayed corn picking in eastern and especially northeastern Nebraska where precipitation was heaviest. Some fields in southern Nebraska have been picked. Webster County reports corn picking about 25% complete and the harvest is well along in Gage County.

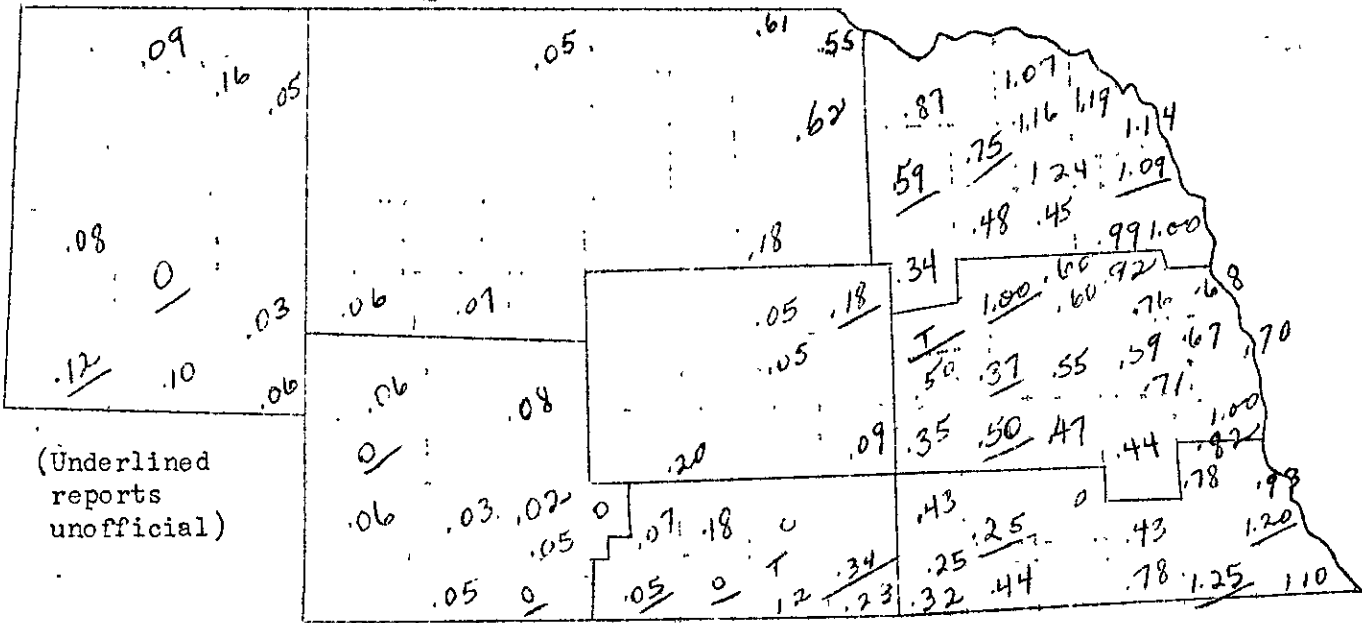
The late commercial potato harvest got under way last week after the completion of the bean harvest. Temperatures dropped to 13 or 14 degrees in western Nebraska, but since the period of low temperature was of short duration, it is doubtful if there was any damage to potatoes. Sometimes potatoes near the surface are damaged from such drop in temperatures. The sugar beet harvest has just started. Grain sorghum combining continues and the crop is turning out unusually well. Sorghum forage yields are heavy. Some localities report a shortage of farm labor. Fall sown alfalfa and grasses were improved by the rain. Harvesting of alfalfa seed continues.

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LIVESTOCK While there is an increasing interest in feeding cattle, there is still considerable hesitancy and some are waiting for lower priced feeder cattle. A special effort is being made to finish hogs for market. Winter wheat could still provide good pasture if ample rain was received soon. (Issued by the Weather Bureau and the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture.)

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 1948

Eastern Division	Central Division	Western Division
Grand Island .08	Burwell .18	Chadron .09
Lincoln .46	North Platte .06	Hayes Center .03
Norfolk .48	Valentine .04	Scottsbluff .03
Omaha .70		Sidney .05
Sioux City 1.13		

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 1948



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hrs. ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Oct.		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
				Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	89	44	68	39	49	30	62	28	72	27	68	26	57	14		
	Scottsbluff	79	43	69	35	51	26	62	28	75	32	64	32	59	22		
	Sidney	83	43	68	33	52	23	60	26	75	27	63	28	--	13		
N-C	Burwell	--	--	80	--	55	--	48	32	75	--	62	36	55	--		
	Valentine	72	50	69	44	48	38	48	31	71	35	64	36	52	25		
NE	Norfolk	67	40	69	50	48	38	53	43	--	40	59	38	56	34		
	Sioux City	71	48	74	58	63	41	55	39	70	40	60	35	48	36		
Gen.	Grand Island	76	50	80	49	63	40	49	36	76	42	62	37	58	27		
E-C	Lincoln	67	51	77	56	65	42	53	44	72	48	62	36	56	36		
	Omaha	68	50	72	58	66	44	55	47	70	42	60	39	56	38		
SW	Hayes Center	77	50	75	42	56	36	59	32	79	43	66	36	59	29		
	North Platte	72	47	74	45	56	38	54	27	77	37	65	35	57	20		

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